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Dear Respite Provider

The NH Life Span Respite Coalition has received a grant to help fund a respite program. The grant will cover the training cost for respite providers. Providers who are interested may apply to participate in these free trainings designed to support individuals providing respite care.

Respite literally means a time of rest or relief. Respite care provides a family caregiver temporary relief from the constant responsibilities of caring for a dependent child or adult. Respite care is often referred to as a gift of time. There is a great need for providers in the State of NH.

To become a respite provider and take advantage of this opportunity, we request an enrollment form, a criminal background check and a central registry check to be completed. At this time, the grant will cover the costs associated with these checks.

Background checks are required to ensure the safety of each family that will receive respite services. Findings will not be disclosed unless a family requests this information.

Respite providers that have completed the enrollment package and specified training shall be placed on the NH Respite Locator. Families can then ask their state agency to utilize the locator to help them identify respite service providers. This grant will pay for a comprehensive training for providers. It will also give a pilot group of NH Families funding to pay for 50 hours of respite services at \$10.00 per hour.

Each respite provider must complete the trainings established by the College of Direct Support. These are web-based trainings. Respite providers will be required to take the first tier of courses prior to becoming an enrolled provider, listed on the NH Respite Provider Locator. It should take approximately 20 hours to complete these courses and take the competency test. This first tier will include a specialized training for serving children with Severe Emotional Disorders (SED). There will be a second tier of training that will be required to be completed within 6 months of enrollment, to continue to be an enrolled provider. There are many special training modules focusing on specific diagnoses. These are not all required, however they will be available to you at no cost, if you are interested.

A separate acceptance letter will be forwarded to you after review of your enrollment forms. This letter will include the necessary information to complete the trainings.

We would like to thank you for being a part of the NH Respite Providers. If you have any further questions or comments please contact us at 1-800-852-3345 x 4498.

Respectfully,

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